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(57) Abstract: A middleware system is provided for use in combination with a publishing system. The publishing system will include a repository and server facilitating editorial services with respect to digital items. These items may be produced by a plurality of front-end clients, and the middleware system includes a software-based mechanism to create an envelope (e.g., a SOAP/XML envelope) associated with each item and to thereby provide an object corresponding to each item. Each object is thereby made accessible to the front-end clients within the publishing system.